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What to Do with Our Boys.

In glancing over the possible open ings for boys, one is forced to admit that unless a lad have genius, perse verence, and a good physical constitu tion, he will find the beginning of 's professional life almost insurmounta bly difficult, if he be obliged from the start to depend upon his profession for living. So large is the competition, even in our own comparatively new country, and still more so in England and on the continent, that the induce ments to enter the so-called learned professions are financially very small The satisfaction of ultimate success and the intellectual pleasures which such a course makes possible, are regarded by any true student as more than compensations for the early dis comforts, and we would never urge considerations of a financial nature against a boy's following his natura bent. That is a fatal policy which ad vises him to choose his calling simply for the money return it promises, for learn sconer or later that money is but a small factor in tru success. But we would very strongly urge such considerations in attempting a professional life from entering upo so unpromising a career. There a many whose scholarly abilities are to meager to permit the hope of succes ful competition when pitted agains their more gifted brothers. It is cer tainly unfortunate, if not pitiable, tha these young men should, through mis taken notions of what is respectable and what is praiseworthy, rush into course which can bring them only fail

ure and mortification. Each year, thousands of young mer are graduated from our universities and schools of learning, only a ver small portion of whom are ever hear of afterward in the real contests of life And it has become a notable fact that an advertisement for a man to fill any but a manual position will bring number of college graduates out of al proportion to the fotal applicants This proves nothing against our schemes of education, for the contrary evidence is too overwhelming. The men of whom as a nation we are mos proud, the brightest minds in science. literature law, medicine, theology, and the fine arts, have been for the most part educated in universities and col leges. But the failure of such a large proportion of college-bred men to at tain even ordinary usefulness in the events of life does prove that, for them at least, some element was lacking which should have contributed to their preparation for subsequent duties. Had they been blessed with three qualities already enumerated, success would have been possible in almost any direction. But unfortunately very few have genius; a smaller proportion than should, have good health: and of the three, perseverance only appears to be a cultivable quality, and even this is largely limited by physical endurance. A very successful man of affairs, quoted by an English contemporary, Industries, when asked for the secret of his success, replied, "I had the phy sical constitution to begin work at six o'clock in the morning, and keep on till eight, nine or ten at night, and that for twenty years." One would say that his success was well deserved.

It is not a Utopian tenet that teaches the possibility of success for all normally constituted men. The essential condition is the rightschoice of a vocation. It is a serious question, what to do with our boys, for it is just here that so many fatal blunders are made. The parent or guardian, actuated by the best motives in the world, is very apt to lay out a plan of life framed entirely from his own point of view, and unmindful that what may cious thief was ever seen again.

prove eminently successful in one case may be equally disastrous in another. And very often the decision is rendered more difficult by the necessity laid upon the boy of earning his daily

bread as he cats it. We are accustomed to believe that demand and supply regulate themselves, but in this very problem of the future of our boys, we are brought face to face with a curious incongruity. We see on the one hand the over crowded professions, hosts of clerks who are ready to apply for any vacant position, however low the salary, while on the other hand we see a market for labor which is so far from being glutted that its supplies must be brought from foreign countries.

What is wanted to-day in our own country is skilled labor. Education in its highest form is wanted, but it must be coupled with an ability to do some thing, if it is to gain for its possessor any position in life. It must find some mode of expression, or the world is none the richer. Americans are noted for their ingenuity, but in how few has a thorough technical education brought out its highest powers of expression! Here is a field that can be heartily reccommended to any boy who has decided to take the reins of life in his own hands instead of leaving them to the caprice of circum stances. If he has a taste for mechan ic arts, he has a splendid opportunity for the exercise of his powers. The acquisition of manual dexterity is not difficult. It requires little beyond intelligent perseverance. But when this skill of hand is once acquired, it brings an independence which many a man in apparently easier circumstances of life might well envy. Nor is it the humble calling which the drawing room is apt to picture it. The possibilities open to the skilled worker are almost unlimited. Some new and more excellent creation is always pos sible, and from the workshop the di rectors of large undertaking are com monly chosen. - Scientific American

A Lost Bracelet.

One evening when Napoleon I. was in all his glory, there was a grand gala production at the Grand Opera. How many reigning kings and princes occupied the boxes and balconies it is impossible for me to estimate; the very seats usually occupied by the cla queurs were filled with noblemen.

The Princess Borghese, the beautiful and accomplished Pauline, spar kled and shone in her box, eclipsing all around her by the splendor of her loveliness, as the sun does the its satellites by the brilliancy of his rays. On her nock she wore a necklace, the diamond and massive pearls of which, intertwined and blended with transcendent art, still further enhanced her incomparable brilliancy. When she entered her box there was a murmur of general admiration.

The imperial box opened in its turn, and the master of the world appeared, saluted by these kings and princes with a formidable cry of "Vive l'Em pereur!" It was remarked that the empress seemed unable to take her eyes off her sister in-law, and appear ed to be fascinated and dazzled, like the other occupants of the vast audi torium, with the marvellous brilliancy of the necklace. Suddenly the box of the Princess Borghese opened, and young major presented himself, wear ing the brilliant blue and silver unit form of the aides-de-camp of the em peror's staff. "Her Majesty, the empress," said he bowing low, "admires the wonderful necklace worn by your imperial highness, and has expressed the liveliest desire to examine it closer.'

The beautiful Pauline made a sign to one of her ladies of honor, who un clasped and detached the necklace from the princess' neck and placed it in the hands of the staff officer. The latter bowed gravely and disappeared. This ing his fingers and his toes during pisode occurred near the middle of the second act. The entr' acte came and passed away. The third act concluded in its turn. The fourth act came and passed, and the entertainment concluded, yet still the necklace was not returned.

The Prince Berghese took this for a characteristic freak of Marie Louise's Next day, however, she asked if the necklace had pleased the empress, and whether she had found the setting and arrangement of the jewels to her taste. The empress was thunderstruck, for she had not seen it and had sent no officer for it as described. Napoleon deigued to mix himself up in the affair. He had the names of all the staff officers on duty the preceding evening assertained. And then one by one, under some pretext or another, he had them called before his sister. She did not recognize one of them. They summoned the Prince of Otrante, minister of police. A long council was held. Everything possible was done, but in vain. The unfortunate Fouche was ready to tear his hair in despair. He had set his keenest bloodhounds at worked. His best detectives were literally worn off their legs, without result. As to their imperial master, he was literally bubbling over with rage, and was almost on the point of thrashing the chief of police. But neither the necklace (which was worth nearly a million) nor the auda-

Thoughts On Life. ANNA KATHARINE GREEN.

Ah what is life! drop from the vast spirit-cloud of God That rounds upon a stock, a stone, a leaf, A mome t, then exhales again to God.

Grim doom holds not such clutch upon our souls. But sometimes in this harsh uneasy world, Or boldest wishes meet with strange ful-

But fate:

Wills not to man both fame and happiness; He who would rest his daring foot on

So single and so lofty, ev'n must learn To tread his own heart down. But thus it is:

We pluck at roses and encounter thorns; Clutch at life's thorns and fill our hands with roses

Wrong? well, yes,. Perhaps it was wrong. But when did wrong E er mount so high that love could not outsoar it

Father, I love you, and in that word toss The past away forever. As for the future, If we were born Osaldis, let us be Osaldis to the core and make a bend,

Stoop with such strength we crush the thing we stoop to. And rise up lords again. You smile, my

Does my week body put to shame my words? If so, my deeds must put to shame my

To you the future is but the present's dim continuance; And change, a thing of circumstance, no

Whereas self changes soonest. What Seems to our youth the only good in life Will be, a five year hence, a cause of laugh-

If not of secret shame and stern repentance Life is no plain however vast and varied But rising ground, where every forward Shifts the horizon.

> -"Risifi's Daughter." Under The Ocean

One half of the earth's solid surface s buried in the abyssmal regions of the ocean, and exists as undulating plains beneath a watery covering from two to five miles thick. On this land at the bottom of the deep sea, the di rector of the Challenger publications tells us, the conditions presented are most uniform. The temperature, near the freezing point of fresh water, does not exceed 7 degrees in range, and is constant throughout the year in any locality. Sunlight and plant life are absent, and, although animals of the large types are present, there is no great variety of form or ahundance of individuals. Change of any kind is exceedingly slow.

At the greatest depths the deposits are chiefly a red clay mixed with fragments of volcanic matter, remains of deep sea animals, cosmic dust, manga nese iron nodules and zeolitic crystals. No analogous deposits have been traced on dry land, although the continents are mainly made up of rocks, which must have formed under the sea near the coasts. Throughout all geological time the deposits of the continent bordering waters appear to have been forced up into dry land through the contraction of the earth, while the abyssmal regions have re mained the most permanent areas of the earth's surface.

BROTHER AND SISTER.—The brother of the wife of a very well-known United States Senator is at present driving a street cab in Washington. His sister is a lady of great social ambitions. She often visits Europe, and I have seen a number of paragraphs noting engagements of her numerous daughters to different scions of nobility. The odd part of the story is that this very driver of a street cab is often employ. ed by his sister in a professional capacity. This uncle of a fashionable niece has often been seen driving this niece to a party, she carrying in her hand a bouquet which cost more than his week's earnings. This devoted uncle has been seen sitting on his box freezthe season, waiting for the out-coming of his fashionable sister and nieces It is an incident of Washington society that is as curious as it is picturesque. It should be noted by the writer of the future Washington novel.

ORIGIN OF A SLANG PHRASE .- "I've got the dead wood on you," is an expression signifying that the evidences of unfair dealing are producible for the justification of the defendant. It originated in this way: A man's wife died and a first class coffin was ordered. The coffin, supposed to be rosewood, was lowered clumsily into the grave and one corner of it was knooked off. The gentleman took the piece of wood home and found it was pine. The bill was presented and a rosewood coffin was one of the items. The undertaker was forced to sue for the amount, and when brought to

chip in evidence. So goes the story. -The term bank is derived from banco, the Italian word for "bench," as the Lombard Jews kept benches in the market-place where they exchanged money and bills. When a banker fail ed his bench was broken by the populace: from this we have the term bankrupt.

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